

Head-Quarters 1st Brigade, 1st Div.

5th Corps, A.P. Sept. 1st, 1863.

Col. J. S. Chamberlain.

20th Maine Vols.

Brigade, 3^d Brigade,

1st Div., 5th Corps, A.P.

Colonel:-

I desire to bear testimony to your gallant service while commanding The 20th Maine Vols. of the 3^d Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Corps, at the Battle of Gettysburg, on the 2nd and 3^d July.

You, and your regiment also, may well be proud of the manner in which you discharged your duty on that memorable occasion.

Your regiment occupied the left of the line of battle of your Brigade and it was owing to your successful repulse of the attack made upon your left flank and in

reverse by a much superior force to your own
that our position was held. Your skillful

management of your command, your gallant
charge upon the enemy - the evidence of which
is found in the prisoners and arms taken by
you - entitle you to my special commenda-
tion as commanding the Division and to
the most favorable notice of the Government.

It will give me great pleasure at
all times to speak warmly in your favor
and I trust it may be the pleasure of the
Government to recognize suitably your
skill and gallantry.

Very truly

Respectfully,

Your friend

James Barnes.

Brig. Genl.

Comdg. 1st Div. 5th Corps.